

Let me introduce myself to the community. I am Diane Curtis Junion, and I have lived in Safford most of my life and have had two children attending Safford Schools.

I am an alumnus of the Safford Schools. I have been serving as a school board member for the past 8 years. I also serve as Vice-Chair for the City of Safford Planning and Zoning Commission, in addition to serving in my church and on other community boards.

We have endured some of the toughest decisions placed on school districts, including unfunded mandates from state and federal government. My goal is to provide the best education for our children. This is the first year we implemented a modified high school schedule. This enables students to seek additional enrichment in subjects they need help in, with one-on-one teaching or smaller class sizes.

As a member of the Safford School Governing Board, we have increased the fine arts programs in our schools. Building and paying for the David M. Player Center for the Arts, there has been a joy in watching our students showcase their talents and in providing a quality facility to the community.

We have a dedicated staff and I want to empower the teachers by providing them with tools to teach in an efficient and effective manner. Federal and state regulations have gotten in the way of giving our students the education they need. I will listen to parents, students, administration and the community in providing solutions to the problems.

We can make it happen with hard work and dedication. Let's get back to the basics and help prepare our students for the future. Thank you for your support.

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